

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at page 1, lines 6 to 20, as follows:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application contains subject matter related to that disclosed in commonly owned U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~{to be determined}~~, attorney docket # 244918US\$ 10/721,496, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR DOWNSTREAM RECOVERY IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003; U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~{to be determined}~~, attorney docket # 244917US\$ 10/721,497, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR USING A SYNCHRONOUS BURST TIME PLAN IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003; U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~{to be determined}~~, attorney docket # 244915US\$ 10/721,410, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR FEATHERING DATA IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003; and U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~{to be determined}~~, attorney docket # 242845US\$ 10/721,419, entitled METHOD, APPARATUS, AND SYSTEM FOR CALCULATING AND MAKING A SYNCHRONOUS BURST TIME PLAN IN A COMMUNICATION NETWORK, filed November 26, 2003, each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.